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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

Applicant: MINGCHIH M. TSENG AND CARL M. PHILBROOK

Title: COLOR CHANGING MATRIX AS WEAR INDICATOR

The prior application is assigned of record to The Gillette Company, a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on May 5, 1998 at 9187/0810.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	24
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### Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 4 pages.
- New disclosure information, including:
  - Information disclosure statement, 1 page.
  - PTO-1449, 6 pages.
  - References, 148 items (**NOT ENCLOSED**).
- Copy of Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time from parent application, U.S.S.N. 10/212,666.
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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of pending U.S. Serial No. 10/212,666, filed August 5, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/966,798, filed September 27, 2001, abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/390,963, filed September 7, 1999, abandoned, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/061,546, filed April 16, 1998, now U.S. Pat. 5,998,431, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/731,064, filed October 9, 1996, now U.S. Pat. 5,906,834, which is a continuation U.S. Serial No. 08/262,961, filed June 21, 1994, now 5,851,551, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/898,471, filed June 15, 1992, now U.S. Pat. 5,340,581. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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